45. HONDERICH

ORIGINS

No doubt, the name Honderich as well as the family has its origins in Switzerland, in the village of Hondrich in the Bernese Oberland, near Spiez, on the southwestern side of Lake Thun. When and under what circumstances a Hondrich individual or family left his or its native Switzerland for Germany is not known.

Spiez, Canton Bern, Switerland, on the shore of Lake Thun Hondrich is located 2 km south of Spiez

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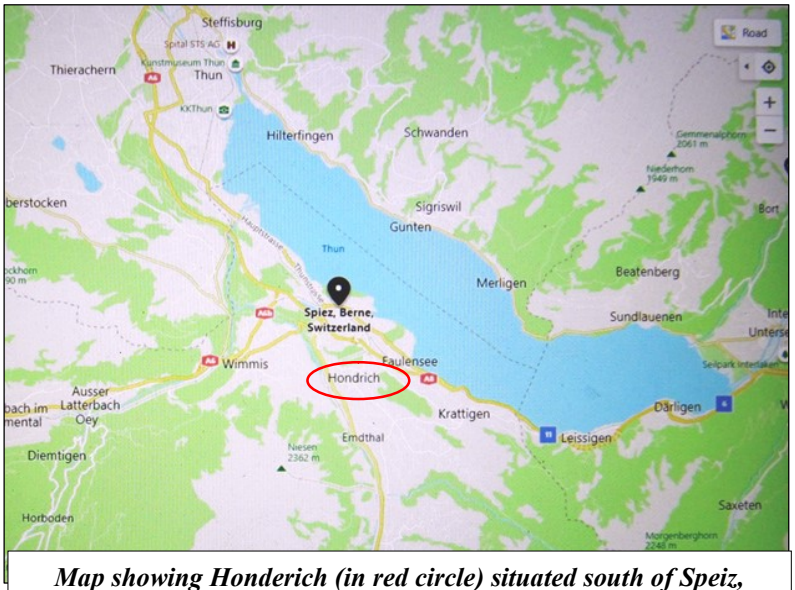
The earliest found Honderich in Germany is Johann Heinrich Honderich, who had a son Joseph born in 1749 at Helmighausen. The father died in 1750. Johannes Hondrich married in 1791 to Magdalena Bauman, daughter of Jacob Bauman. Johannes lived on the Braunsbergerhof near Anhausen for a time.(1a) (See Notes below)This Honderich family was part of the Amish Mennonite congregation at Waldeck, Germany.



Map showing Honderich (in red circle) situated south of Speiz, Bern, Switzerland near Lake Thun

Credit: Bing maps

In the early 1800s, a Christian Honderich was a labourer on the Vornhagen farm at the foot of the castle in the Principality of Waldeck, Hesse, Germany. It appears, however, that this Christian married the farmer's daughter named Maria Magdalena Weyrey and immigrated to Somerset County, Pennsylvania before 1820 and later to Wayne County, Ohio.(1b)

Unfortunately, our subject, the **Christian Honderich** who married Margaret Gingerich and who settled in Wilmot Township, Upper Canada, does not appear in the research done at Waldeck, Germany. We have found no family connections of our Christian Honderich (m. Margaret Gingerich) to the other Honderichs in Europe. Margaret was the sister of Jacob W. Gingerich, and his death record reported that he was born in "Ellinghouse" in Waldeck. The problem is that there is no Ellinghouse in Waldeck. There is an Elleringhausen, but no Gingerichs have been found there. So, the Gingerich parentage also remains

unknown. In his speech at the 1981 Honderich family reunion, Elwy Yost, indicated that Margaret's father's name was John.(2) His source for that information is not known.

This Honderich Family Genealogical Introduction is divided into the following sections:

1. Christian Honderich and Margaret Gingerich Family
    a) John Honderich and Veronica Roth Family (son)
2. Catherine Honderich and Jacob S. Gingerich Family

CHRISTIAN HONDERICH AND MARGARET GINGERICH FAMILY

Christian and Margaret Honderich must have arrived in Canada no later than the summer of 1825 in order for Christian to build a habitable cabin in the newly surveyed block in Wilmot Township by December. Margaret (Gingerich) Honderich's brother, Jacob W. Gingerich, accompanied the Honderichs to Canada. According to tradition, Jacob S. Gingerich's wife, Catherine, was a sister to Christian Honderich. Jacob and Catherine's oldest child was born on the ocean voyage on July 12, 1825. One would suppose that this extended family group came together, but a passenger list containing the Honderichs and Jacob W. Gingerich has not yet been found.

After their arrival, Christian Honderich wasted no time in obtaining a land claim in Wilmot Township and erecting a cabin. On December 22, 1825, his wife Margaret gave birth to their first child. They claimed for him the distinction of being the first white male child born in the township.

The Lot which Christian Honderich had claimed was Lot 16, North Bleam's Road. By 1830, Christian had completed his settling duties and qualified for a Patent to the front 50 acres. In 1831, he was among the first settlers to acquire it. In 1835 he entered into an agreement with King's College (forerunner of the University of Toronto) to purchase the remaining 150 acres.(3) It was not until 1854, however, that a deed was issued to him upon receipt of his final payment.

Christian, Margaret and their daughter Elizabeth were buried in the Geiger (now known as Wilmot) Mennonite Cemetery, almost across the road from their farm.

Grave marker for Margaret (Gingerich) Honderich At Geiger, now Wilmot Mennonite Cemetery

Credit: Findagrave 2008 Kimberly Louise Fraser

Grave marker for John Honderich and his wife Veronica Roth

Hostetler's Reformed Mennonite Cemetery, New Hamburg credit: Bruce W. Jantzi 2019

CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET (GINGERICH) HONDERICH FAMILY

CHRISTIAN HONDERICH b. 25 Nov 1788 in Germany
d. 16 Nov 1868, bu. Geiger/Wilmot Mennonite Cemetery
m. 14 Sep 1824 in Germany
MARGARET GINGERICH b. 2 Apr 1798 in Germany
d. 10 Jan 1862, bu. Geiger/Wilmot Mennonite Cemetery

Children:	Grandchildren:
1) John Honderich b. 22 Dec 1825 Wilmot d. 20 Feb 1907 Wilmot m. 22 Sep 1850 Wilmot Veronica Roth b. 3 Jul 1828 Wilmot d. 6 May 1916 Wilmot dau. of Rudolph Roth and Maria Litwiller	Catherine Honderich (1852-1924) m. Jacob Richter Christian Honderich (1854-1928) 1m. Catherine Yost 2m. Elizabeth Moyer John Honderich (1856-1857) Veronica Honderich (1859-1945) m. Jacob Siegner Magdalena Honderich (1862-1947) m. John Yost Anna/ Nancy Honderich (1864-1953) m. Henry Hofstetter Sarah Honderich (1867-1947) m. Isaiah Shantz Abram Honderich (1873-1961) m. Lydia Shantz
2) Elizabeth Honderich b. 18 Feb 1827 Wilmot d. 9 Sept 1884 Wilmot	
3) Catherine Honderich b. 2 Apr 1828 Wilmot d. 7 Jun 1916 m. 15 Dec 1844 Wilmot Christian Bender b. 9 Apr 1820 Hesse d. 5 Sep 1887 SEhope son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman	Marie Bender (1847-1921) m. John Schwartzentruber John H. Bender (1849-1934) m. Barbara Brenneman Christian H. Bender (1851-1934) m Catherine Spenler Catherine Bender (1854-1926) m. Christian R. Zehr Jacob H. Bender (1856-1932) m. Catherine Streicher Daniel H. Bender (1860-1942) m. Magdalena Jantzi Magdalena Bender (1862-1935) m. Daniel K. Yantzi Joseph H. Bender (1865-1947) 1m. Catherine Zehr; 2m. Veronica Ropp Elizabeth Bender (1866-1949) m. Christian I. Zehr Barbara Bender (1869-1957) Lydia Bender (1872-1964) m. Noah Roth
4) Maria Honderich b. 1 Aug 1829 Wilmot d. 6 Nov 1910 Wilmot m. 1850 Wilmot Christian Steinman b. 24 Aug 1824 Bavaria d. 26 Aug 1910 Wilmot son of Christian Steinman and Veronica Eyer	Christian H. Steinman (1851-1903) 1m. Barbara Jutzi 2m. Anna Brenneman John H. Steinmann (1853-1942) m. Susanna Gascho Joseph H. Steinmann (1855-1919) 1m. Mary Zehr 2m. Catherine Schmidt Daniel H. Steinmann (1857-1935) m. Barbara Gascho Catherine Steinmann (1858-1927) 1m. Christian Besinger; 2m. John F. Roth Elizabeth Steinman (1860-1929) m. Peter Spenler Veronica Steinmann (1862-1896) m. Samuel Nafziger great-grandparents of BWJ Jacob Steinmann (1865-1880) Mary Steinman (1867-1947) m. Nicholas Nafziger Leah Steinman (1869-1945) m. Samuel Nafziger Barbara Steinman (1871-1948)

5) Christian Honderich b. 18 Oct 1831 Wilmot d. 22 Jul 1888 Wilmot m. 4 Jan 1852 Wilmot Catherine Roth b. 22 Oct 1832 Wilmot d. 13 Sep 1883 Wilmot dau. of Rudolph Roth and Maria Litwiller	John Honderich (1852-) Catherine Honderich (1854-1929) m. John Gampp Christian Honderich (1855-1923) m. Anna Hoffman Infant daughter (1858) Aaron Honderich (1860-) Leah Honderich (1870-1871) Moses Honderich (ca.1873-) m. Barbara Ramseyer, lived in Huron Co., Michigan David Honderich (ca.1877-after 1916) farmer at Lisgar, Manitobain 1901; in asylum at Brandon, Manitoba in 1916 Sarah Honderich (1880-1881)

THE CHILDREN OF CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET HONDERICH ESTABLISH THEIR OWN HOMES

John Honderich, born in Wilmot Township in 1825, married Veronica Roth in 1850. Veronica was the daughter of Rudolph and Maria (Roth) Litwiller. Rudolph was a bishop in the Wilmot Amish Mennonite congregation, but in 1850 chose to join the Reformed Mennonites. No doubt, John and Veronica joined the new church at that time also, and John was ordained to the ministry in 1860.

In 1854, John and Veronica purchased the Honderich homestead on Bleam's Road from John's parents. In 1864, John and Veronica purchased two acres of the south part of Lot 4, Concession III in the East Section of Wellesley Township from Veronica's uncle Peter Litwiller. In 1899, this acreage was sold, along with the east half of the homestead on Bleam's Road in Wilmot, to son Abram. It was in the Honderich family until 1951. What John and then Abram did with this acreage during the years they were farming in Wilmot is a bit of a mystery. Perhaps they rented it out.

Grave Marker for Abram Honderich Hostetler's Reformed Mennonite Cemetery, New Hamburg

Credit: Bruce W. Jantzi, Dec. 2019

In 1877, John purchased the west half (100 acres) of Lot 3, Concession III in the West Section of Wellesley Township from the Crown. Joseph Megli had leased this property, improved it, and had even built a stone house on it, but never got the deed for it. This is the property on which the Reformed Mennonites built a church and established a cemetery. The church has been removed, but the cemetery is still in use. It is located a short distance west of the hamlet of Kingwood. In 1878, John purchased the east half of the lot from Joseph B. Jantzi. Both Megli and Jantzi left for Nebraska after selling their properties.

At the time of the 1881 census, John and Veronica Honderich and their daughter Veronica, married to Jacob Seigner, were living beside each other in Wellesley Township. Probably John and Veronica were living on the Megli property while Veronica and Jacob Seigner were living on the Jantzi farm. Perhaps John and Veronica had left Christian married to Catherine (nee Yost) on the homestead farm. The Wilmot census seems to confirm that, as well as the 1886 sale of the west half of the homestead lot to Christian. In 1889, John and Veronica sold the Megli farm to Henry Hofstetter and the Jantzi farm to daughter Veronica and her husband Jacob Seigner and moved back to the homestead.

In 1899, John and Veronica sold the east half of the homestead lot to Abram Honderich married to Lydia Shantz. No doubt, John and Veronica continued to live with either Christian or Abram until their deaths in 1907 and 1916, respectively. They are buried in the Reformed Mennonite Cemetery (also known as Hostetler's), between Baden and New Hamburg.

Beland and John Honderich, editors and publishers of the *Toronto Star*, were grandson and great-grandson of John and Veronica.

◄ HONDERICH FARMSTEAD ▲

The Honderich farm, on Lot 16, North Bleams Road, is one of the few original Wilmot Township farms which are still in the family. Christian and Margaret's oldest son, John, acquired the farm from his parents. He divided it between his sons Christian and Abram. Abram's son Cameron acquired ownership of the entire 200 acres again, and his son David still occupies the homestead in 2006.

Credit: Peter Hoover

Elizabeth Honderich was unmarried and died at the age of 57. Her death record reported that she had suffered from "consumption" (T.B) for 20 years. She is buried in the Geiger/Wilmot Mennonite Cemetery.

Catherine Honderich married **Christian Bender**, son of immigrant Jacob Bender who lived on the northwest side of New Hamburg. They leased the north half of Lot 27 in the first concession, Block A, Wilmot Township, from the Canada Company in 1840 and acquired the deed in 1848. The property is just east of Punkey- doodles Corner. In 1874, they purchased the north half of Lot 25 and three acres of Lot 28, also in the first Concession of Block A. In 1881, they purchased the north half of Lot 24, Concession II. In 1887, sons Christian H. and Jacob H. became the owners of Lot 25, Concession I and Lot 24, Concession II, respectively. Joseph H. acquired the homestead (Lot 27, Concession I) and the three acres of Lot 28 from his father's estate in 1893.Caatherine and Christian may have lived with their daughter Catherine married to Christian R. Zehr in their old age and died there. Catherine and Christian are buried in the 19th Line Cemetery, East Zorra, a short distance west of their farm in Wilmot Township.

Maria Honderich married **Christian Steinman**, son of immigrant Christian Steinman who settled on the lot on which the Steinmann Mennonite Church is now located. Christian and Maria Steinman purchased the farm across the road from his parental home (Lot 18, South Snyder's Road) The Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery is located on the north end of this lot - across the road from the church. It had already been used as a burial ground by the previous owners and other neighbours. Maria and Christian's son Daniel H. Steinmann succeeded them on the farm in 1886. He was ordained bishop in the Wilmot Amish Mennonite church in 1898. Maria and Christian Steinman are buried in the **Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.**

Christian Honderich married Catherine Roth, sister to John Honderich's wife Veronica, in 1852. In 1854, they purchased Lot 31, Concession XIV, East Zorra Township, Oxford County. They sold it to Jacob and Catherine (Steinman) Erb in 1863 and moved back to Wilmot. According to the 1871 census, Christian was a labourer, and they lived either in or near Baden. In 1881, their youngest child Sarah died of consumption at the age of six months. Catherine died in 1883, also of consumption and Christian in 1888, of "asthma consumption." It is not known where they are buried.

Christian and Catherine's youngest children were raised in foster homes. Their son Christian established a furniture factory in Milverton. Catherine was married to John Gampp and lived on Bleam's Road in Wilmot. Moses Honderich went to Michigan where he married Barbara Ramseyer, a former Canadian. An 1873 photograph of the Milverton Band includes John, Aaron and Christian, indicating that John and Aaron were living in Milverton at that time, but what happened to John, Aaron and David is not known.

In 1911, C.R. Honderich and sons and August Eidt, founded the H.E. Furniture Company, in Milverton, Ontario. In 1917, the firm added cedar chests to their line. Many of their high quality Red Seal Cedar Chests are still in existence today. In 1926, the H.E. Furniture Company became the Honderich Furniture Company. The furniture was primarily constructed using solid walnut and walnut veneers. In 1967 the factory was sold to Messrs. Dow and Kirkham (Fry & Blackhall, Wingham) who operated it under the Honderich name. In 1969, the plant was sold to Electrohome.

The Descendants of Christian Honderich (1788-1868)
and
Margaret Gingerich (1798-1862)

Construction of house:

frame construction:
with bricks between
studding
covered with ship
lap cedar

renovation:
boards nailed flat
covered with
insulbrick

now covered with
aluminum

The original farm settled by Christian Honderich in 1825.

L.-R.: Earl, Ada (near tree trunk), hired girl,
Lydia (Mrs. Abram) Honderich with Vera (born 1906)
Floyd and Delford

Prepared for the Honderich Family Reunion, June 22, 1991

JOHN HONDERICH AND VERONICA ROTH FAMILY

from notes by Abram Honderich

1) John Honderich, son of Christian Honderich and Margaret Gingerich
b. 22 Dec 1825 Wilmot
d. 20 Feb 1907 Wilmot
m. 22 Sep 1850 Wilmot
Veronica Roth, dau. of Rudolph Roth and Maria Litwiller
b. 3 Jul 1828 Wilmot
d. 6 May 1916 Wilmot
John Honderich remained on the Honderich homestead.

1) Catherine Honderich b. 27 Feb. 1852
d. 11 Nov. 1924
m. 16 Nov. 1884 to Jacob Richter
Child:
a. Fanny Richter m. Frank Bean

2) Christian Honderich III b. 16 Apr. 1854
d. 13 Sept. 1928
1m. 22 Sept. 1878 to Catherine Yost
2 m. to Elizabeth Moyer
Children:
a. Sarah Honderich, single, d. 20 Oct. 1950, age 71
b. John Honderich m. Rae Armstrong
Children: (1) Ruth Laura Honderich m. Elmer Victor Spielbergs
1 dau. Elizabeth Anna Rae
(2) Loine Christian Honderich m. Charlotte Freeman
5 children: Paul, Timothy, Richard, Philip, Rae Anne
(3) Beland Hugh Honderich m. Florence AWilkinson
3 children: John Allen, Mary Elizabeth, David Beland
(4) Robert Wayne Honderich, killed in war
(5) Mary Jean Kathleen Honderich m. Rev. Ray Tregenze
2 children; Robert and Rebecca (twins)
(6) Edgar Dawn Ross Honderich m. Kurien Roonie

3) John Honderich b. June 1856 d. 28 Nov. 1857

4) Veronica Honderich b. 12 May 1859
d. 13 Dec. 1945
m. 8 Oct. 1878 to Jacob Siegner (1853-1937)
Children:
a. Ervin Siegner m. Louisa Yost
b. Harry Siegner, gone west, no record 1883, died 1960, Haney, B.C.
c. Adeline Siegner, single b. 1881; d. 23 July 1944, age 62
d. Emma Siegner , m. Allan Stuart
e. Archie Siegner m. Gean Kelly
f. Abraham Clayton Siegner (1887-1985) m. Alice Chalmers

5) Magdalena Honderich b. 14 June 1862
d. 18 Jan. 1947
m. 21 Feb. 1882 to John Yost
Children:
a. Sarah Yost m. Frank Hayworth
b. Elwy Yost m. Josephina McMurran
c. Laura Yost, single
d. John Yost m. Ethel Watson (one son killed in war)

6) Anna (Nancy) Honderich b. 20 Dec. 1864
d. 22 Nov. 1953
m. 5 Feb. 1884 to Henry Hofstetter
Childrten:
a. Alda Hofstetter m. Jimmie Livingston
b. Irene Hofstetter m. Harry Mogk

7) Sarah Honderich b. 28 May 1867
d. 17 Sept. 1947
m. 21 July 1891 to Isaiah Shantz d. 1906, age 38
Children:
a. Perlus Shantz m. Lulu Jones
b. Ena May Shantz m. Clarence Hildebrand
c. Harold Shantz m. Mary

8) Abram Honderich b. 17 Apr. 1873
d. 30 Mar. 1961
m. 15 Jan. 1896 to Lydia Shantz d. 8 May 1948
Children:
a. Earl Honderich b. 26 Aug. 1897
m. 28 June 1922 to Cora Hunsberger
(1) son Emerson Honderich b. 23 Jan. 1927
b. Delford Honderich b. Dec. 17, 1898
m. 18 Mar. 1925 to Alice Hiller
children:
(1) Glen Honderich b. 30 July 1928
(2) Ronald Honderich b. 9 Nov. 1929
(3) Stuart Honderich b. 12 Oct. 1931
(4) Calvin Honderich b. 23 Nov. 1932
(5) Marlene Honderich b. 11 Apr. 1938
c. Viola Honderich b. June 26, 1900
m. 3 June 1925 to Milton Heinbecker d. 1 Jan. 1937, age 38
no children
d. Lloyd Honderich b. 25 may 1902 d. 25 May 1902
e. Floyd Honderich b. 25 May 1902 m. 12 Mar. 1924 to Ella Howard
children :
(1) Patricia Honderich b. 27 Feb.1932
(2) Garry Honderich b. 4 Mar. 1946
f. Vera May Honderich b. July 1906
m. 24 Oct. 1951 to Leo Maudoin

g. Violet Idella Honderich b. 8 Nov. 1911
m. 17 July 1925 to Allan Stueck
children:
(1) Carole Stueck b. 12 Oct. 1937
(2) Paul Stueck b. 9 Dec. 1944
(3) Beverly Stueck b. 12 Jan. 1948

h. Cameron Honderich b. 16 Aug. 1920
m. 11 Oct. 1944 to Dorothy Shuck
children:
(1) Kathryn Ann Honderich b. 5 Mar. 1947
m. Dr. Patrick Wall DVM
(2) Marilyn Jane Honderich b. 10 June 1949
(3) David Grant Honderich b. 22 Nov. 1951

CATHERINE HONDERICH AND JACOB S. GINGERICH FAMILY

CATHERINE HONDERICH, believed to be the sister of Christian Honderich
b. ___ ___ 1799 in Germany
d. 10 May 1876, bu. Wilmot Centre Cemetery
m. ___ ___ ca.1824 in Germany

JACOB S. GINGERICH, may be son of Peter Gingerich and _____ Schwartzentruber
b. Aug 1794, Bruchhausen, Westphalia, Germany
d. 16 June 1871, bu. Wilmot Centre Cemetery

Children:	Grandchildren:
1) Elizabeth Gingerich	Jacob Schrag (1841-1904) m. Katherine Zehr
b. 27 July 1825 Atlantic	Christian Schrag (1843-1901) m. Veronica Kennel
d. 26 Nov. 1854 S. Easthope	Catherine Schrag (1845-1930) m. Joseph Kennel
m. 1 June 1840 Wilmot	Magdalena Schrag (1846- 1885)
Daniel Schrag	Daniel Schrag (1851- 1853)
b. Apr. 1813 Bavaria	Maria Schrag (1854- 1939) m. Michael Iutzi
d. 1 Nov. 1891 S. Easthope	
son of Jacob Schrag	
and Magdalena Holly	
2m. Magdalena Steinman	2m. nine children
2) Peter E. Gingerich	Menno Gingerich (1847-1931) m. Caroline/ Carrie Schneck
b. 6 May 1827 Virginia	Jacob Gingerich (1849-1907) m. Barbara Newcomer
d. 4 Mar. 1900 Michigan	Anna Gingerich (1851- 1948) m. Frederick Wollpert
1 m. 8 Feb. 1845	Maria Gingerich (1853- 1892) m. Henry Herring
Katherine Roth	Catherine Gingerich (1855- 1930) m. Joseph Staeger
b. 18 Feb. 1825 France	Magdalena / Helena Gingerich (1857- 1927) m. Frederick Raegele
d. 3 Feb. 1859 East Zorra	- - - - - - - - - -
dau. Of John and Mary Roth	Joseph Gingerich (1860-1935) m. Elizabeth Green
2 m. 3 Jan. 1860 Wilmot	Christian/Christopher Otto Gingerich (1862-1952)
Margaret Schwartzentruber	1m. Mary Edith Jackson; 2m. Carrie Houser
b. 26 Dec. 1831 Wilmot	John S. Gingerich (1866-1883)
d. 9 Jan. 1916 Michigan	Daniel Otto Gingerich (1867-1945) m. Clara Ellen Myers
dau. of Michael Schwartzentruber	
and Barbara Oswald	

3) Christian S. C. Gingerich
b. ca. 1830 Wilmot
d. 8 Feb. 1891 Wilmot
m. ca. 1854 Canada
Catherine Ropp
b. 21 Nov. 1828 Franken, FR
d. 3 Mar 1895 Wilmot
dau. of Joseph M. Ropp
and Magdalena Richard

- Magdalena Gingerich (1855-1888)
- Christian R. Gingerich (1857-1923) m. Barbara Leis
- John R. Gingerich (1859- 1941) m. Anna Sommer
- Catherine Gingerich (1861-1942) m. Joel S. Erb
- Veronica Gingerich (1864-1945) m. Christian G. Steinman
- Mary Gingerich (1865-) m. Jacob Hunsberger

4) Jacob Gingerich
b. ca. 1832 Wilmot
d. 17 May 1859 East Zorra
m. 4 Mar. 1856 S Easthope
Barbara Zehr
b. 10 Dec. 1837 N.Y.
d. 5 Nov. 1886 Iowa
dau. of Peter Zehr and Barbara Roth

- Jacob Gingerich (1859-1896) m. Mary Schlabaugh

Barbara Zehr 2m. to Daniel Eiman—13 children

5) Catherine Gingerich
b. 1835 Wilmot
d. 1921 Jasper, Missouri
m. Wilmot
John Schott
b. ca. 1819 France
d. 16 Dec. 1878 E. Zorra

- Catherine Schott (1855-1936) m. John I. Buerge
- Jacob Schott/Scott (1856-1929) m. Magdalena Buerge

Death Record in the Gospel Herald states that Catherine Gingerich Schott died in Missouri at the home of her daughter. She was a member of the Holderman Mennonite Church

6) Mary Gingerich
b. 21 Nov. 1837 Wilmot
d. 14 Aug. 1901 Michigan
m. Wilmot
Daniel M. Iutzi
b. 4 Nov. 1833 Wilmot
d. 4 Sept. 1901 Michigan
son of George Jutzi/Iutzi
and Catherine Miller

- Jacob G. Iutzi (1856- 1939) m. Mary Schrader
- Catherine Iutzi (1858-1935) m. Joel Aschliman
- Daniel G. Iutzi (1860-1937) m. Dora E. Wood
- John G. Iutzi (1862- 1944) m. Martha Eby
- Lydia Iutzi (1864-1953) m. Jacob B. Litwiller
- Christian G. Iutzi (1868-1939) m Clara C. Cross
  2m. Ida Leatherman
- Annie May Iutzi (1875-1957) m. John Litwiller

7) Anna (Nancy) Gingerich
b. 1840 Wilmot
d. 20 Sept. 1920 Mich.
m. 19 July 1857 Wilmot
John Buerge
b. 24 Mar. 1832 Wilmot
d. 28 May 1929 Mich.
son of Jacob Buerge and
Elizabeth Grieser

- Jacob Buerge (1856-1942) (step-son0
- Noah Buerge (1859-1932) m. Albertina Drescher
- Daniel Buerge (1860-1942) m. Mary I. Bates
- Christian Buerge (1863-1948) m. Clara A. Wiggers
- John Buerge (in 1870 census but not in 1880)
- Lydia Buerge (1866-) single in 1910 census
- Aaron Buerge (1867-1936) m. Mary Amstutz
- Joseph Buerge (1872-1953) m. Susan Culp
- Benjamin Buerge (1876-1943-) m. Mary V. Gerhart
- Ida Buerge (1879- 1968) m. William Wesenberg

8) Magdalena Gingerich
b. 18 Jan. 1842 Wilmot *(tombstone date: 20 Aug. 1891, 16th Line E.Z.)*
d. 9 Aug. 1890 E. Zorra *(church record/ Ropp Genealogy)*
m. 16 Sept. /14 Nov. 1862 Wilmot
John Ropp
b. 10 Jan. 1837 France
d. 28 Feb.1907 E. Zorra
son of Joseph M. Ropp and
Magdalena Richard

{ Catherine Ropp (1863- 1923) m. Daniel Brenneman

For more information on the Jacob S. Gingerich and Catherine (Honderich) Family, see the GINGERICH Family Genealogical Introduction.

NOTES:

The files referred to in these notes are kept in Lorraine Roth's Collection in the Archives at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario. Digital copies of some of the transliterations and translations of records in Bibles or other old books can be obtained from Bruce W. Jantzi at bwjantzi@gmail.com

1. *a)* Researcher Helmut Gingerich found a marriage record for the Honderich family in Anhausen: Jacob, son of the late Johannes Hondrich and Anna Magdalena Baumann, married 1823 to Anna Gertraude Rueb

   b) In his article "Werrey and Hondrich Families in Vornhagen" by J. Virgil Miller in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. V, No. 3, July 1986, the author proposes that Christian and Maria Magdalena (Weyrey) Honderich's son Christian, married to Magdalena Guengerich, was the Christian who had come to Canada. The similarity of names might cause this confusion, but a closer look at other facts indicates the Ohio and Ontario Honderichs are two different families. Vornhagen, by the way, is no longer in existence. It was flooded when a dam was built on the Eder River in the early 1900s. It is likely that Miller received his information on the Hondrichs (sic) from Hermann Guth's research for the *Amish –Mennonites of Waldeck and Wittgenstein*, pages 24, 25, published by J. Lemar and Lois Ann Mast of Elverson, PA – also in 1986.
2. "The Honderichs," written and narrated by Elwy Yost, for the Honderich family reunion, held at the Honderich Homestead, June 20, 1981, page 13. It may be that he assumed that the John Gingerich who appeared in the 1851 Wilmot census was Margaret's father. There is only nine years difference in their ages; so that this John was not Margaret's father.
3. For the story of the settlement of the German Block in Wilmot Township, see *The Amish and Their Neighbours, The German Block, Wilmot Township, 1822-1860* by Lorraine Roth. Waterloo, Ontario: Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario, 1997.

Additional Source Material: (copies in HONDERICH file)

1. *The Descendants of Christian Honderich (1788-1868) and Margaret Gingerich (1798-1862)*, Prepared for the Honderich Family Reunion, June 22, 1991.
2. Transcriptions of family Bible records: Christian and Margaret Honderich, John and Veronica Honderich and Christian and Catherine Honderich, made in 1986. (Bibles were in possession of the late Cameron Honderich)
3. "Honderich Heart" -- transcriptions and translations of writing on both sides (photocopies of both sides of heart)
4. Photocopies of embroidery on Maria Honderich's show towel (2 copies)
5. Correspondence with Ruth Honderich Spielbergs

6. "The Honderichs" -- written and narrated by Elwy Yost, [prepared for Honderich family reunion], 1981
7. The Descendants of Christian Honderich (1788-1868) and Margaret Gingerich (1798-1862), prepared for the Honderich Family Reunion, June 22, 1991. (a laser copy of the cover which features the Honderich Homestead house)
8. Photo of Catherine Honderich Bender (3 laser copies)
9. The Record article "Journalism icon dies at age 86," on Beland Honderich, November, 2005.
10. University of Toronto Archives: Correspondence with Settlers, No. A68-0010
    - notes on Christian Honderich correspondence

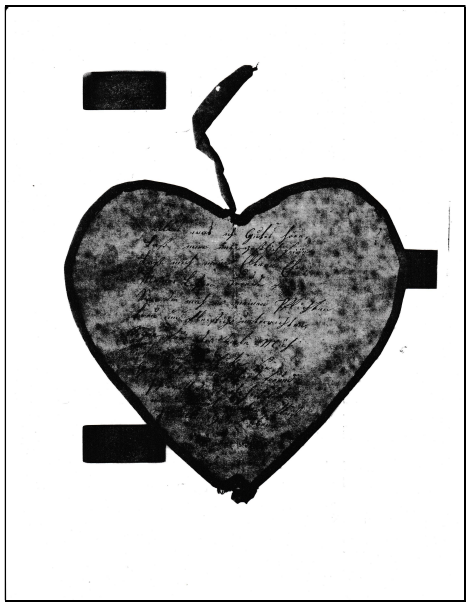
IITA Correspondence with Settlers No A68-0010

Honderich 2 Jan. 52 #16, NBR/ Wilmot Cameron Box 007
Christian sends 10 pounds and requests receipt file H 1852 (1)
* --hopes to pay whole balance May next
-- please direct mail to Mr. Christian Honderich
care of Mr. C. Enslin, Berlin, C.W.

9 Jan. 53 #16, NBR/Berlin Buchan 013
per C. Enslin – sends 10 pounds, receipt requested E 1853 (1)

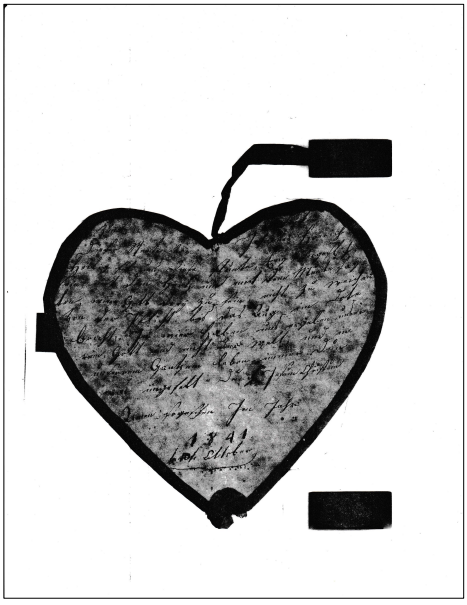
21 Feb. 53 #16 NBR/Wilmot Buchan 013
per C. Enslin H 1853 (1)
-- sent 10 pounds cash by mail about 5 months ago, but receipt
* directed to C. Enslin, Berlin, has not been received
-- send sending another 10 pounds, requesting receipt for both accounts
-- if first amount was not received, let him know so he can inquire in the "Post Department."

17 Nov. 53 #16, NBR/ Wilmot Buchan 013
* -- sends LII on lot 16, and asks for acknowledgement HI853 (4)
-- asks what amount due on Jan. 1 including cost of Deed



The Honderich Heart:

A Keepsake
of the
Honderich Family



THE HONDERICH HEART – Transcription and translation of the text on both sides of the heart

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Honderich Heart

Transcription:

Zum Andenken
Dieser Stente? ver Johannes Honrich
Heilig sol uns Diese Stunte, Ewig unser geslich*,
sein, mit dem Hertz und mit dem Munte sag-
ten, mein Gott drey zu sein, nicht zu weichen
von der Pflicht, bis das Aug im Dote
bricht, Ja wier haben uns ergeben unser-
rum, Gott und nicht der Welt, und in
unserrum Gantzem leben immer den
was ungefelt durch Jesum Christum

Amen so geschen im Jahr
1841
__ 10t Oktober

Translation:

To remember
This _____** for John Honderich
Holy shall for us this hour, eternal our diligence
be, with the heart and with the mouth say,
my God is three, not to flinch
from duty, until the eye in death
brings [awakes], Yes we have given our-
selves, God and not the world, and in
our whole life always then
that which endures through Jesus Christ

Amen so be it in the year
1841
10th October

Reverse side:

Transcription:	Translation:
Alles was ich gutes horn,	All the good I hear
Lass mier unser gesslich* seiyn	Let me our diligence be
Lass mich meiner Eltern Ehre,	Let me my parents honour
Meiner Lehrer Freude seyn	The joy of my teachers be
Sie die mich in meinen Plichten	May they in my duty
Trau und fleissig unterrichten	true and diligent teach me
Segen fur die viele Muh	Bless [them] for the much effort
Vater! uns beglucke sie	Father! and bless them
Gott ist uer wahrheit Freund	God is your friend of truth
Ich will die wahrheit lieben	I want to love the truth
und mich mit muntern Fleiss	and with lively diligence
zu allem Guten uben.	exert myself to all good.

*This word (found with a slight variation on both sides) is not spelled correctly enough for me to find it in the dictionry, but it might be a form of "geflissen" (diligent, industrious). That meaning certainly fits with the context.
**Perhaps this is supposed to be "Stunte" (hour), but it probably refers to this writing, but what the actual German word is supposed to be alludes me.

Transcribed and translated by Lorraine Roth, Waterloo, Ontario
December 1995

Family Notes found in Bibles owned by the Honderich Family

Transcription of Honderich Bibles (Home of Cameron Honderich, Bleams Road)

Im Jahr 1824, d. 14ten Sepdember bin ich Christian Honderich mit Margreda Gungerich in den heiligen Estand getreden, Der Herr gebe seinen Seegen das mir friedlich mit ein ander lebben und endling durch die grosse barmhertzigkeit Gottes seelig sterben und das durch Jesum Christum Amen

Im Jahr 1852 ten 4ten January bin ich Christian Honderich mit Catharina Roth in den heiligen Estand getreden der Herr gebe seinen segen das mir friedlich mit ein ander leben und durch dei gnad Jesum Christum selig zu sterben das ist mein wunsch Christien Honderich unser (und?) Catherina Roth

Im Jahr 1825, 22ten Dezember ist uns ein Sohn geboren in Zeichen des Zwillings mit Nahman Johannes Honderich

Im Jahr 1827, 18ten Februarius ist uns eine Dochder . . . . . des Scorbion .... Elisabeth Honderich

Im Jahr 1828, 2ten Abrill .....Scorbion.....Kadarina Honderich

Im Jahr 1829, 1ten Agust .....Jungfrau.....Maria Honderich

Im Jahr 1831, 18ten October.....Fisch.....Christian Honderich

(in different ink)
Im Jahr 1852, den 30ten December.....Loeb.....John Honderich

Im Jahr 1854, 9 December .....Scorbion.....Chatarena Honderich

Im Jahr 1855, 1 August is Burnt us a Son the ? name Christian Honderich

Second Bible: (abbreviated translation/transcription)
John Honderich b. in Wilmot 1825 Dec 22 m. Veronica Roth 1850 Sept 22
Children:

Chaterina Honderich	b. 27 Feb 1852	m. 16 Nov 1884	d. Nov 11, 1924?
Christian Honderich	b. 16 Apr 1854	m. 22 Sep 1878	d. Sep 13, 1928
Johannes Honderich	b. 21 June 1856	- - - - - - - -	d. Nov 28, 1857
Veronica Honderich	b. 12 May 1859	m. 8 Oct 1878	d. Dec 13, 1945
Magdalena Honderich	b. 14 June 1862	m. 21 Feb 1882	d. Jan 18, 1947
Anna Honderich	b. 20 Dec 1864	m. 5 Feb 1884	d. Nov 22, 1953
Sarah Honderich	b. 28 May 1867	m. 21 July 1891	d. Sep 17, 1947
Abram Honderich	b. 17 Apr 1873	m. 15 Jan 1896	d. Mar 30, 1961

Christian Honderich geborn in Deutschland 1788, 25 Nov
gestorben 16 Nov 1868
Margareda Hon. gestorben 1862, Januar 10, die Mama 2 April 1798

John Honderich died Feb 20, 1907
Veronica Honderich died May 6, 1916

(translation by Lorraine Roth
Kitchener, Ont. 1986)

HONDERICH LAND HOLDINGS

Wilmot Township, German Block

Abram Honderich, (Lydia Shantz)
Lot 16, S. Bleam's Road
-- 1899 -- E 1/2 (105.14 ac.) from John Honderich
-- 1905 -- W 1/2 (105.14 ac.) from Christian R. Honderich

Christian Honderich, (Margaret Gingerich)
Lot 16, S. Bleam's Road
-- 1831 -- front 50 acres from Crown
-- 1854 -- rear 150 acres from University of Toronto
-- 1854-- sold to John Honderich

Christian R. Honderich, (1m. Catherine Yost 2m. Elizabeth Mayer)
Lot 16, S. Bleam's Road
-- 1886 -- W 1/2 (105.14 ac.) from John Honderich
-- 1905 -- W 1/2 (105.14 ac.) sold to Abram Honderich
Lot 16, N. Snyder's Road
-- 1905 -- E 1/2 (100 ac.) from Jacob G. Gordner
(did not note sale)

John Honderich, (Veronica Roth)
Lot 16, S. Bleam's Road
-- 1854 -- all of lot (200 acres) from Christian Honderich
-- 1886 -- W 1/2 (105.14 ac.) sold to Christian R. Honderich
-- 1899 -- E 1/2 (105.14 ac.) sold to Abram Honderich

Christian Steinman Jr., (Maria Honderich)
Lot 18, S. Snyder's Road
-- 1853 -- rear 3/4 -- transfer from Nicolas Klein
-- 1853 -- rear 3/4 -- deed from University of Toronto
-- 1860 -- pt of front -- from Nicholas Klein
estate -- 1886 -- all of lot except burial ground & railway
-- sold to Daniel [H.] Steinman

Wilmot Township, Block A

Christian Bender		1840	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	lease/trans. Kelsey
(Catherine		1848	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	deed Canada Co.
Honderich)	Estate	1893	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale Joseph H. Bender
		1874	A-I	25	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Ed. Daniel
		1887	A-I	25	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale Chris. H. Bender
		1874	A-1	28	N pt 3 ac.	purchase Illingworth
	Estate	1893	A-1	28	N pt 3 ac.	sale Joseph H. Bender
		1881	A-II	24	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase W. Collum
		1887	A-II	24	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale Jacob H. Bender
Christian H. Bender		1887	A-I	25	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Christian Bender
(Catherine Spenler)		1934	A-I	25	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale Melvin Bender

Jacob H. Bender	1887	A-II	24	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Christian Bender
(Catherine Streicher)	1921	A-II	24	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale Chris. S. Bender
Joseph H. Bender	1893	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Chris Bender Est.
(1m. Catherine Zehr	1937	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale David R. Bender
2m. Veronica Ropp)	1893	A-1	28	N pt 3 ac.	purchase Chris Bender Est.

(David R. Bender probably got this part along with Lot 27)

East Zorra Township

Christian Honderich	1854	XIV	31	200 ac.	purch. James Crooks
(Catherine Roth)	1863	XIV	31	200 ac.	sale Jacob Erb
					(via James Trow)

Wellesley Township, East Section

John Honderich	1864	E-III	4	S pt 2 ac.	purch. Peter Litwiller
(Veronica Roth)	1899	E-III	4	S pt 2 ac.	sale Abram Honderich
					(in Honderich family yet in 1951)

Wellesley Township, West Section

John Honderich	1877	W-III	3	W 1/2 100 ac.	patent Crown
(Veronica Roth)				(purchased improvements, including house, from Joseph Megli)	
	1889	W-III	3	W 1/2 100 ac.	sale H. Hofstetter
	1878	W-III	2	E 1/2 99 ac.	purchase Joseph B. Jantzi
	1889	W-III	2	E 1/2 100 ac.	sale Jacob Siegner

Mornington Township

John W. Honderich (1852-), bachelor (perhaps son of Christian Honderich and Catherine Roth)

Lot 9, 1/4 ac. NW 1/4, Con. III, 1911-1913

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